

of the House today and appear on pages H5892, H5892-93, H5894-95, and H5895. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ENERGY DEPARTMENT WASTE-SITE CLEAN-UP CONTRACTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9. Testimony was heard from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Randall F. Smith, Director, Office of Environmental Cleanup for Region 10, EPA; and Kathleen E. Trever, Coordinator-Manager, INEEL Oversight Program, Division of Environmental Quality, State of Idaho.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 2(I)(6) of rule XI (the 3-day requirement for availability of the report), clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings on appropriations bills), or section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (prohibiting consideration of bills containing matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget which have not been reported by the Budget Committee). The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances). The rule provides for priority in recognition for those amendments that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record. The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the voting time on the first in a series of questions is not less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Young of Florida, Smith of New Jersey, and Murtha.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: The committee granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, providing one hour of general debate equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives clause 6 (prohibiting reappropriations in an appropriations bill) of rule XXI against provisions in the bill and clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized and legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill except as otherwise specified in the rule. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules which may only be offered by the Member designated, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report and except pro forma amendments offered for the purpose of debate, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments are waived. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule waives clause 2(e) of rule XXI (prohibiting non-emergency amendments to be offered to a bill containing an emergency designation under the Budget Act) against amendments to the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Porter, Hyde, Goodling, Istook, Manzullo, Riggs, Obey, and Lowey.

COMPUTER SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1903, Computer Security Enhancement Act of 1997.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D790)

S.J. Res. 29, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to design and construct a permanent addition to the

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C. Signed July 24, 1997. (P.L. 105-29)

H.R. 1901, to clarify that the protections of the Federal Tort Claims Act apply to the members and personnel of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. Signed July 25, 1997. (P.L. 105-30)

H.R. 2018, to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for the Better Health Plan of Amherst, New York. Signed July 25, 1997. (P.L. 105-31)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to hold hearings to examine the effect of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (P.L. 104-127) on price and income volatility, and the proper role of the Federal government to manage volatility and protect the integrity of agricultural markets, 9 a.m., SR-332.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine automatic teller machine (ATM) surcharges and fees, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to the Global Tobacco settlement litigation, 10:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, and S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings on the nominations of Richard Dale Kauzlarich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, James W. Pardew, Jr., of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans, Anne Marie Sigmund, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic, Keith C. Smith, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania, Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus, Philip Lader, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Felix George Rohatyn, of New York, to be Ambassador to France, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to resume hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to resume hearings to examine issues with regard to the constitutional role of federal judges to decide cases and controversies, focus-

ing on the problem and impact of judicial activism, whereby federal judges' decisions are based on policy preferences, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings to examine the status of educational opportunities for low-income children, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

Select Committee on Intelligence, closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1545 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to consider the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government appropriations for fiscal year 1998, 8:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, oversight hearing on Government Performance And Results Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on the Department of Energy's Implementation of Contract Reform: Problems with the Fixed-Price Contract to Clean Up Pit 9, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on Video Competition: The Status of Competition Among Video Delivery Systems, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, to continue hearings on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing of Metropolitan Statistical Areas, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, oversight hearing of Statistical Proposals, 2:00 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on the EPA's rulemaking on National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particular Matter and Ozone, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Reserve Component issues resulting from the Quadrennial Defense Review, 2:00 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on H.R. 2007, to amend the Act that authorized the Canadian River reclamation project, Texas, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow use of the project distribution system to transport water from sources other than the project; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2007, and H.R. 134, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide a loan guarantee to the Olivenhain water storage project, 2:00 p.m., 1324 Longworth.